

DETAILED ACTION

Representative of applicant contacted examiner on 11 September 2009.

Representative of applicant pointed out that in the PTO-892 form dated 12 May 2009, there is a listing for a non-patent literature document (Document U on said form entitled) V Dodane, VD Vilivalam. "Pharmaceutical Applications of Chitosan." Pharmaceutical Science & Technology Today, Vol. 1, No. 6, Sept. 1998. 246-25. Representative of applicant pointed out that this document is not relied upon, cited, or mentioned in the Office action dated 12 May 2009. Representative of applicant further points out that a copy of this reference was not received.

The examiner has hereby included a copy of the reference cited above, as well as an additional PTO-892 citing said reference.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ISAAC SHOMER whose telephone number is (571)270-7671. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frederick F. Krass can be reached on (571)272-0580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 1612

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1642